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SUBJECT: GOG REACTION TO MANAGUA MEETINGS

REF: GUATEMALA 3646; MANAGUA 3245

1. GOG REACTION TO RECENT MANAGUA MEETINGS AS REPRESENTED BY VICEMIN INTEGRATION VELAZQUEZ WAS QUITE POSITIVE. THERE IS DEFINITELY A FEELING WITHIN GOG THAT EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE INTEGRATION PROCESS ARE ONCE MORE IN MOTION. RE SPECIFICS OF MEETINGS, VALAZQUEZ ESSENTIALLY REITERATED REFTELS.

2. PERHAPS MOST POSITIVE ELEMENT IN SITUATION AS SEEN FROM OUR ANGLE IS THE DEGREE OF REALISM EVIDENT IN GOG CURRENT THINKING. THEY DO NOT EXPECT ANY GREAT PROGRESS IN SHORT-RUN. VELAZQUEZ WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO STATE THAT SIECA'S SHORT-TERM PROGRAM IS A MISNOMER. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SEES ATTEMPT TO CHANGE COMMON TARIFF AS TAKING AT LEAST TWO YEARS. POINT HERE IS THAT GOG IS INTELLECTUALLY BUCKLING DOWN FOR LONG HAUL. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IT HAS BEGUN TO PREPARE ITSELF FOR THAT LONG HAUL. A JOINT PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ACTIVATED TO STUDY SIECA "RESTRUCTURING"

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PROPOSALS, PROPOSE GUATEMALAN POSITIONS AND ADVISE GOG REPRE-

SENTATIVE ON HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION. AS FINAL POSITIVE FACTOR, THERE
APPEARS TO BE ELEMENT OF COMPROMISE EVIDENT IN CURRENT
SCENE. ALTHOUGH GOG HAD BEEN HALF COMMITTED BY PRIVATE SECTOR TO
OPPOSE EXTENSION SAN JOSE PROTOCOL, IN MANAGUA, ACCORDING TO
VELAZQUEZ, GOG DELEGATION CONSCIOUSLY DID NOT PUSH ISSUE AFTER
OBSERVING DEPTH OF FEELING AMONGST OTHER DELEGATES.

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